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Method, system and machine for collecting a biological fluid to which a

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination with the remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.